GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:192
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NATIONAL POWER POLICY
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether 50% of the nation`s population do not have access to electricity;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has announced a policy vision to ensure Power for All by 2012;

(c) whether the Union Government has decided to increase its financial stakes in power projects, nationwide;

(d) if so, the total amount earmarked for this purpose; and

(e) the time by which the amount is likely to be released and the extent to which this will help power projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER(SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 192 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 05.08.2005 REGARDING NATIONAL POWER POLICY.

(a) : As per Census 2001, about 44% of the households do not have access to electricity.

(b) : The National Electricity Policy notified by the Central Government on 12th February, 2005 aims at achieving, inter-alia, the following objectives:

- Access to Electricity - Available for all households in next five years.

- Availability of Power - Demand to be fully met by 2012. Energy and peaking shortages to be overcome and adequate spinning reserve to be available.

(c) : Yes, Sir. Public sector investment in power generation has been stepped up. The National Electricity Policy states that power being most crucial infrastructure public sector investments will have to be stepped up both at the level of Central Government and State Governments. Considering the magnitude of the expansion of the sector required the sizeable part of the investments will also need to be brought in from the private sector.

(d) & (e) : The 10th Plan outlay for Ministry of Power has been increased to Rs.1,43,399 crore. This marked a 214% increase over the 9th Plan allocation.

Annual Plans of Central Power Sector Undertakings and its bifurcation into Internal and Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR) and Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) are finalized in consultation with Planning Commission after extensive review of the status of the projects and funds are accordingly released to meet the plan requirements. No project is being delayed due to shortage of funds.